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**AMINO-THIO-ACRYLONITRILES AS MEK INHIBITORS**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☐ was filed on March 17, 2000 as U.S. Application No. 09/527,335 or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed (Yes/No)
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States Provisional Application(s) listed below.

U.S. Provisional Application No.

U.S. Filing Date

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